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DIARY NOTES

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1. Walter Pforzheimer advises me that there has been another change in the Executive Pay Bill substantially as follows: (a) grade GS-17's and below are unaffected except that one additional within-grade raise is provided for grade GS-17's, (b) the ceiling is lifted to a base of \$16,000 for grade GS-18's, and (c) grade GS-19 is back in again at \$18,000. He also advised me later that Roger Jones at the Bureau of the Budget said that the White House was handling this matter and that he was not sure that he would ever see it again and could not tell us much about it. (I will try to call Ismar Baruch of the Civil Service Commission and see if I can find out any more.) In view of the turn that this Bill is taking, I have asked Walter to strengthen the Director's letter to the Bureau of the Budget asking for the establishment of his position and that of the Deputy Director's in accordance with the recommendations of the Hoover Commission, i.e., Deputy Secretary of Defense level for the Director and Under Secretary level for the Deputy Director.

2. Walter Pforzheimer reports that the General Counsel of the Comptroller General's Office has now ruled that we do not need to get the "as amended" legislation added to the Foreign Service Act in order to adopt the new one for our purposes. This will enable us to pay these allowances to [ ] employees, as well as others, without question.

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3. Mr. Roger Fisher who, according to this morning's paper, accused CIA of misleading the Langley citizens, telephoned to say that the newspaper reporter had not accurately reported his statement. He said that he did not allege that the National Capital Planning Commission actually had supervision of Langley, but that under the Capper Crompton Act of 1930 it was his opinion that it was possible to grant such authority to the Commission. He also said that he was going to correct this impression "on the Hill" this morning.

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4. [ ] telephoned about the necessity of doing something immediately on the extension of the pouch service. I told him that General Cabell or Mr. Dulles would have to decide this matter but that in view of the fact that General Cabell would not be back for several days I would ask Mr. Dulles to grant a ten-day extension.

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5. Jim Garrison, [ ] and I met with Pete Strobel, Fred Poorman, and Len Hunter of the Public Buildings Service to discuss architectural services. After a good half hour of talking about inconsequential matters, Pete finally got to the point of the meeting by saying that now that we were in

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a position to select an architect the Public Buildings Service considered such selection to be its prerogative. This lead to a long and very frank discussion during which I told Pete that I disagreed very strongly with him, that we did not consider this to be a PBS prerogative, and that we expected to participate fully in the selection of an architect, as well as on other aspects of this building. I emphasized to him that Mr. Dulles had given the Congress his personal assurances of certain things that would and would not be done and that I did not see how we could turn over the responsibility for this building to the Public Buildings Service. Strobel and company backed down and it was agreed that they would now prepare a list of architects for our consideration.

6. Following the meeting, I asked Jim Garrison and [redacted] to draft a Memorandum of Understanding, which I can see now is going to be needed in our dealings with PBS. I will want this gone over very carefully by Larry Houston. At the moment, I believe that the best way to undertake this would be to have it be a Memorandum of Understanding between the Administrator of GSA and the Director of CIA with the DD/S and the Commissioner of PBS being designated as the two points of contact, any disagreements between the two being referred to the Director of CIA and the Administrator of GSA for resolution. 25X1A9A

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7. At 12:00 Noon Messrs. Pforzheimer and [redacted] and I briefed Senator Byrd on the Langley location and, in particular, on the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

8. I telephoned Warren McNeill, Administrative Assistant to Senator Robertson, to talk to him about Mr. Fisher's allegations in this morning's paper. Warren said that Senator Robertson was not excited about the matter and wanted to see the building in Virginia but would not take any position favoring one site or the other.

9. I also talked to Joel Broyhill about the same publicity and he assured me that I should not worry as far as he was concerned. In the course of our conversation he pressed me to state whether or not Langley was our No. 1 choice, but I declined to do so. He asked me if I would object if he predicted again that the building would be located in Virginia. I told him that in my judgment it would be better to make no further statements as to the location of our proposed building until the Bill was out of Congress. He said that he would abide by my judgment.

10. I telephoned Mr. Townsend of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce to tell him that while I did not want any action attributed to me or to the

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Agency, I thought it would be most appropriate if he could put the record straight in the press as to whether or not CIA had mislead the Langley people.

11. Later in the day a Mr. Soresi, who had telephoned once before, called and talked for a good twenty minutes urging me to appear before a meeting of the McLean Citizens Association to discuss the whole problem. This, of course, I declined to do. I told him that I would be glad to see him or to receive a delegation from the McLean Citizens Association but suggested that he could get his answers more accurately from the Fairfax County Board. He was quite insistent that the Agency take a position and indicated that he would draft a list of questions to send to us and wanted assurance that I would answer them. I told him that I would be very glad to receive his letter but that I would have to look at the list of questions before I could judge whether or not it would be appropriate for us to provide specific answers.

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